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August 3, 2009

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From: William T Fujioka
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APPROVE PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (ITEM NO. 1-D, AGENDA OF AUGUST 4, 2009) – UPDATED INFORMATION

This memo is to provide clarification about the "Housing Stabilization Services" component of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), Item 1-D on the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission's August 4, 2009 agenda. Specifically, page 4 of the Board letter for agenda Item 1-D includes information about a program still under development with Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) to provide legal representation and case management to stabilize housing for HPRP clients who have received Unlawful Detainers (UD).

As noted in the Board letter, the Department of Consumer Affairs currently manages a Board approved contract with NLS to provide Self-Help Legal Access Centers for County residents. Therefore, to ensure rapid implementation of the County's HPRP program and to provide necessary legal services to clients who have received UD's, County staff proposes to negotiate a contract amendment with NLS for legal services. The contract amendment will be placed on a future agenda for your Board's consideration and approval.

Item 1-D further provides that the cost of the additional legal services for HPRP clients with UD's "has been determined to be \$472,500" and will be funded out of the \$1,423,200 that is designated for the Department of Consumer Affairs component of the HPRP. Since the release of the revised Board letter, we have continued to negotiate with NLS; while negotiations are not complete, we have agreed that the contract with NLS should be for

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two years and at a cost not to exceed \$319,562. NLS will be paid on an actual cost basis rather than a lump sum per individual or family client. Therefore, it is necessary to clarify for your Board that the cost of the NLS legal services program will not exceed \$319,562.

If you have any questions, please contact Lari Sheehan at (213) 893-2477, or via e-mail at lsheehan@ceo.lacounty.gov; or your staff may contact Kathy House at (213) 974-4129, or via e-mail at khhouse@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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